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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Election of the members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *(continued)*
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1. **The President** invited the Conference to elect by secret ballot six members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to fill the new seats occasioned by the increase in the number of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities pursuant to article 34 thereof.

2. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Sunderland (Canada), Mr. Murari (India) and Mr. Alemán (Panama) acted as tellers.*

3. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	86
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	85
Number of representatives voting:	85
Required majority:	43
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Gombos (Hungary)	47
Mr. Tatić (Serbia)	45
Ms. Hadj Salah (Algeria)	39
Mr. Langvad (Denmark)	39
Ms. Quang Chang (Guatemala)	37
Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador)	35
Mr. Bulit Goñi (Argentina)	32
Ms. Pascual Melara (El Salvador)	28
Mr. Babu (Uganda)	27
Mr. Purcil (Philippines)	26
Mr. Huerta Peralta (Peru)	26
Mr. Al-Rawahi (Oman)	25
Mr. Moodley (South Africa)	22
Mr. Diop (Guinea)	21
Mr. Muyunda (Zambia)	17
Mr. Barri (Saudi Arabia)	16
Mr. Khairy (Sudan)	11

4. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Gombos (Hungary) and Mr. Tatić (Serbia) were elected members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.*

5. **The President** said that as four vacancies remained to be filled, a second round of voting would be held, restricted to the eight candidates who had received the highest number of votes while not obtaining the required majority. However, two candidates — Mr. Huerta Peralta (Peru) and Mr. Purcil (Philippines) — had received an equal number of votes and were therefore tied for eighth place. According to the Convention and the rules of procedure, another round of voting would be held to determine which of the candidates would be included in the list from which the four remaining vacancies would be filled.

6. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Sunderland (Canada), Mr. Murari (India) and Mr. Alemán (Panama) acted as tellers.*

7. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	87
Invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	85
Number of representatives voting:	85
Required majority:	43
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Purcil (Philippines)	49
Mr. Huerta Peralta (Peru)	36

8. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Purcil (Philippines) was included in the list from which the next four members of the Committee would be elected.*

9. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Sunderland (Canada), Mr. Murari (India) and Mr. Alemán (Panama) acted as tellers.*

10. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	87
Number of valid ballots:	87
Number of representatives voting:	87
Required majority:	44
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Langvad (Denmark)	50
Ms. Quang Chang (Guatemala)	47
Ms. Hadj Salah (Algeria)	43
Mr. Bulit Goñi (Argentina)	43
Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador)	41
Mr. Babu (Uganda)	38
Mr. Purcil (Philippines)	35
Ms. Pascual Melara (El Salvador)	28

11. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Langvad (Denmark) and Ms. Quang Chang (Guatemala) were elected members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.*

12. **The President** said that as two vacancies remained to be filled, a third round of voting would be

held, restricted to the four candidates who had received the highest number of votes while not obtaining the required majority.

13. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Sunderland (Canada), Mr. Murari (India) and Mr. Alemán (Panama) acted as tellers.*

14. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	81
Number of valid ballots:	81
Number of representatives voting:	81
Required majority:	41
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Hadj Salah (Algeria)	47
Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador)	40
Mr. Bulit Goñi (Argentina)	37
Mr. Babu (Uganda)	34

15. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Hadj Salah (Algeria) was elected a member of the Committee.*

16. **The President** said that as one vacancy remained to be filled, a fourth round of voting would be held, restricted to the two candidates who had received the highest number of votes while not obtaining the required majority.

17. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

18. **Mr. Muhumuza** (Uganda) said that according to his understanding of the rules of procedure, after three inconclusive and restricted ballots, votes could be cast for any eligible nominee. As the vote that had just taken place had been the fourth restricted ballot, it should have been open to all nominees. He would appreciate an explanation or clarification.

19. **Mr. Pallet** (Office of Legal Affairs) said that the vote that had just taken place had been the fourth ballot to fill the new seats in the Committee occasioned by the increase in the number of States parties to the Convention, but only the third restricted ballot since the first ballot had been open to all nominees. If that round was not conclusive, the next round would again be open to all nominees.

20. **The President** said he took it that the issue had been resolved with that explanation.

21. **Mr. Muhumuza** (Uganda) said that by his count, the current ballot must be the fourth restricted ballot because the candidate from his country had already obtained four different tallies, one following an open round and three following restricted rounds. It stood to reason, therefore, that the current ballot should have been open to all nominees.

22. **The President** said that the explanation given by the representative of the Office of Legal Affairs had been quite clear and that the elections had been conducted in a fair and democratic manner, in keeping with the rules of procedure. Nonetheless, he took note of the comments made by the representative of Uganda and hoped that the process could be explained more clearly in the future.

23. **Mr. Muhumuza** (Uganda) said that he had been contesting not the results of the election, but the number of times that the candidate from his country had stood for election. He doubted that the current voting procedure could be described as democratic.

24. *The results of the secret ballot were announced.*

Number of ballot papers:	86
Number of valid ballots:	86
Abstentions:	3
Number of representatives voting:	86
Required majority:	44
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador)	49
Mr. Bulit Goñi (Argentina)	34

25. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador) was elected a member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.*

26. **The President** declared that the following candidates had been elected members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Ms. Degener (Germany), Mr. Kim Hyung Shik (Republic of Korea), Mr. Ben Lallohom (Tunisia), Ms. Maina (Kenya), Mr. McCallum (Australia), Mr. Espinosa (Mexico), Mr. Gombos (Hungary), Ms. Hadj Salah (Algeria), Mr. Langvad (Denmark), Ms. Quang Chang (Guatemala), Mr. Tatić (Serbia) and Mr. Torres Correa (Ecuador).

27. *The Conference decided by the drawing of lots, in accordance with article 34, paragraph 9, of the Convention, that Mr. Gombos (Hungary), Ms. Hadj Salah (Algeria) and Ms. Quang Chang (Guatemala) would serve for a two-year term.*

The meeting rose at 6.50 p.m.